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FOR: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated January 20, 2004 (Paper No. 8), please amend  
the above-identified application as follows: